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USDA HELPS ADDRESS RURAL HEALTH NEEDS

Kearney, Neb., July 30, 2002--The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded on July 18th, \$5,200 in grant funds to the Kenesaw Community Development Corporation. The USDA grant funds, along with a \$23,000 loan from the Adams County Bank and local donations of \$6,800 will purchase new equipment for the upcoming satellite medical clinic in Kenesaw. The clinic will provide medical, dental and chiropractic care to the 873 residents of Kenesaw and to residents of surrounding communities.

Glen Gatz, rural development specialist for USDA Rural Development stated, "The satellite medical clinic will be a valuable benefit to the community." "Once the clinic is up and running, local residents will not need to travel **TO HASTINGS OR OTHER SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES** for their medical needs."

The satellite medical clinic is a coordinated project between the Kenesaw Community Development Corporation, Kearney County Health Services of Minden, and a local dentist and chiropractor. Kenesaw Community Development Corporation owns the two-year-old apartment complex in which the \$35,000 medical clinic will be located. Plans are to convert a two-bedroom unit into the clinic space, which will be leased to **KEARNEY COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES**. Medical and support staff to carry out the operations of the clinic will be provided by **KEARNEY COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES**. Local donations and a contribution from Kearney County Health Services paid for renovations to the restroom to address handicap accessibility standards.

The grant funds were provided through the USDA Rural Development Community Facility Grant Program. For additional information contact Glen Gatz at 4009 North 6th Avenue PO Box 730 Kearney, NE 68848-0730 or phone (308) 237-3118, (402) 437-5093 (TDY). Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/>.

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